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VIRGINIA GAZETTE.

ALWAYS FOR LIBERTY AND THE PUBLICK GOOD.

High HEAVEN *to* GRACIOUS ENDS *directs the* STORM!

IN COUNCIL.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 23, 1776.

RESOLVED, that this Board will, on Wedneſday the 8th day of next month, proceed to the choice of officers for the ſeveral companies of the three new battalions to be raiſed in the ſervice of this ſtate, agreeable to an act of the General Aſſembly; and it is expected that the captains and ſubalterns of marines, and ſuch captains and ſubalterns of minute-men who have been called out into actual ſervice, and ſuch volunteers formerly called into duty for the aſſiſtance of North Carolina, and ſince employed in the ſervice of this commonwealth, as ſhall be willing to claim the preference allowed them by the ſaid act, of ſerving in the ſaid battalions in their preſent ranks, and all others who are deſirous of appointments on this occaſion, do attend the Board at that time.

It is alſo reſolved, that the Board will proceed on *Friday* ſe'nnight to recommend proper perſons to Congreſs to be commiſſioned as ſubalterns in the regiment of artillery to be raiſed in this commonwealth.

(*A copy*)
ARCHIBALD BLAIR, CL. CON.

LONDON, *Sept.* 5.

THIS day lord Mansfield will prorogue the parliament to the 15th of October next for the lord chancellor, when we hear it will be farther prorogued till ſome time in November.

Extract of letter from Penzance, *Auguſt* 19.

"Laſt Friday morning, about 8 o'clock, came in here the William and Mary, William Phillips maſter, from Madeira, with wine; ſhe was chaſed all the morning, and the night before, by two American privateers, one mounting 12, and the other 24 guns. When the alarm was given, all the inhabitants of Penzance, Mouſhole, &c. and all the adjacent parts bounding on the land's end, went to ſee thoſe daring fellows with glaſſes. They were ſo near, that we could plainly ſee the men and guns; they ſteered towards the Scilly iſlands."

Sept. 16. The following is a pictureſque deſcription of the ſtate of affairs. The country gentlemen without diſcernment. North America loſt. The Weſt Indies in danger of being loſt alſo. The emperour of Germany on the eve of making a ſettlement in our ſides, in the Eaſt Indies. The French preparing a powerful fleet, to command a trade with North America, for proviſions and lumber for their iſlands, whilſt our's are ſtarving. The Dutch gaining immenſe ſums, by being the general carriers of European and American commodities. England running headlong into a civil war, which, if victorious, is of no advantage to her, and, if ſucceſsful, is fatal to her. The whole Britiſh empire, ſo ſplendid and formidable in the late reign, crumbling and mouldering away in the preſent. The dependencies, once the ſtrength and glory of the crown, now dropping from or revolting againſt the home government; becauſe the preſent ſyſtem of it is founded in deſpotiſm, and ſupported by corruption.

The parliament will meet preciſely to the laſt prorogation, whatever the ſucceſs of the American expedition may turn out, as the ſupplies of laſt year are all run out, and the great waggon wheels of government will want freſh greaſing.

Three American privateers were, the 9th inſtant, cruiſing within a few leagues of the Briſtol channel.

On Tueſday night his excellency governour Eden, of Maryland, arrived expreſs from Portſmouth, with ſome freſh deſpatches to lord George Germain. He came over in the Levant tranſport, capt. Thomas. after a paſſage of 27 days. Several other gentlemen have come paſſengers in the above ſhip, who left Virginia the 6th of Auguſt.

Tueſday came to Goſport a party of the 35th regiment, for America, but are now gone into the Iſle of Wight, there being no ſhip ready to carry them.

A joint memorial, of a very private nature, has been preſented by the French, Spaniſh, and Neapolitan miniſtry at the Hague, to the Dutch miniſtry. It is relative to the conduct of the republick, in caſe a war breaks out in Europe.

Orders are iſſued from the war department at Paris, for the raiſing of 25 regiments with all expedition.

Adminiſtration are negotiating with Denmark and Ruſſia, with all their might; with the firſt, to oppoſe the intrigues of France, and with the latter, in oppoſition to the treaties between France and Sweden.

The publick will be exceedingly amazed when they are informed that the firſt captive of note brought into England from the coaſt of America is a deſcendent of a Scotch baronet, whoſe name was Stuart, ſuppoſed to be nearly allied to the earl of Bute, being ſon to Mary Stuart, only ſiſter to ſir John Stuart, by Henry Johnſon, of Boſton. The perſon alluded to will eaſily be known to be Henry Johnſon, late commander of the Yankey privateer, now a priſoner on board the Ardent man of war, at Sheerneſs.

Nothing can be a greater proof of the reſources and courage of the Americans than reſerving their independency till general Howe had arrived with the whole force of England againſt them. If they had not the means of defence, or were not determined to fight (as their enemies give out) they would have thrown down their arms, and flocked to the royal ſtandard; but, ſo far from this, it is only now they ſeem to have adopted a principle of reſiſtance, which ſhould therefore hold out a very ſerious, though late reflection to our miniſtry, that they have hitherto been uniformly wrong in their opinions of, and meaſures againſt, that country.

All publick affairs are now ſo little attended to, notwithſtanding what the world may think, or their anxiety may lead them to believe, that the king is perfectly at eaſe in Windſor caſtle. The real miniſter, mr. Jenkinſon, is playing the *Folli Garcon* with his two miniſters. Mr. Stanley and mr. Wedderburne, at Spain and Germany. The oſtenſible miniſter, lord North, is gone a frolicking into the weſt for a month. The firſt lord of the admiralty is fiſhing for barble, at Shipperton. The ſecretaries of ſtate are gone a patridge ſhooting, to take the firſt of the ſeaſon. There is no body left but mr. Jenkinſon's brother in law, mr. Cornwall, to look after the clerks.

No convoy is appointed for the outward bound ſhips to the Weſt Indies, all of them having taken on board an additional number of hands and guns, in order to defend themſelves ſhould they meet with any of the provincial privateers.

Three noblemen, who are in high office, want much to retire at preſent. Lord Townſhend, who, in private life, is yet upon velvet, wants 30,000 l. and is not very ſolicitous about the ordnance. Lord Weymouth feels the neceſſity of a continued addition ſo much, that a penſion for life of 3000 l. a year is his object. And lord Mansfield will give up the king's Bench, as ſoon as he is properly gratified.

Some advices are juſt come from the Engliſh miniſter at Liſbon, which caſt a damp on his majeſty's countenance, obſervable through all his *ſmiles*

WILLIAMSBURG, *December* 27.

Yeſterday his Excellency the Governour received the following letter, dated the 18th inſtant, by expreſs from Baltimore, *where the Hon. Continental Congreſs have adjourned from the city of* Philadelphia.

THE movements of the enemy's army in the Jerſeys, by which the neighbourhood of Philadelphia had become the ſeat of war, determined Congreſs to adjourn from thence to this town, where publick buſineſs will be entered on the 20th inſtant, unleſs a ſufficient number of members ſhould be aſſembled to begin ſooner. At this place the publick buſineſs may be conducted with more deliberation, and undiſturbed attention, than could be the caſe in a city ſubject to perpetual alarm, and that had neceſſarily been made a place of arms. The propriety of this meaſure was ſtrongly enforced by the continental generals Putnam and Mifflin, who commanded in Philadelphia, and who gave it as their opinion, that although they did not conſider the town as liable to fall into the enemy's hands but by ſurpriſe, yet that poſſibility rendered it improper for Congreſs to continue there.

So long as the American army kept together, the enemy's progreſs was extremely limited, but they knew and ſeized the opportunity of coming forward, which was occaſioned by the greater part of the army diſperſing in conſequence of ſhort enliſtments; and this indeed was a plan early founded on hopes of accommodation, and for the greater eaſe of the people,

When a new army is assembled, the enemy must again narrow their bounds; and this demonstrates the necessity of every state exerting every means to bring the new levies into the field with all possible expedition. It is the only sure means of placing America on the ground where every good man would wish to see it.

The British army is at present stationed along the Delaware from above Trenton, on the Jersey side, to Burlington, about 20 miles above Philadelphia. General Washington, with near 6000 men, is on the river side, opposite to Trenton; and the gondolas, with other armed vessels, are stationed from Philadelphia to Trenton, to prevent the passage of the Delaware. General Lee, with about 5000 men, remains on the enemy's rear, a little to the westward of their line of march through the Jerseys. In this state, if the country militia of Pennsylvania, and from this neighbourhood, reinforce the general with a few thousands, so as to enable him to press the enemy's front, it may turn out a happy circumstance that they have been encouraged to leave their ships so far behind.

We have good reason to expect a general war in Europe soon, and we have such proof of the friendship of France as to leave little doubt of the willingness of that country to assist us.

The enclosed handbill will sufficiently inform the Americans what treatment they are to expect from the cruel disturbers of their peace, and evince the necessity of the most speedy and manly exertions to drive these foes of the human race from this continent.

BALTIMORE, *December* 18.

Bergen county, New Jersey, Dec. 14, 1776.

THE progress of the British and Hessian troops through New Jersey has been attended with such scenes of desolation and outrage as would disgrace the most barbarous nations. Among innumerable instances, the following are authenticated in such a manner as leaves no doubt of their truth.

William Smith, of Smith's farm, near Hackensack bridge, hearing the cries of his daughter, rushed into the room, and found a Hessian officer attempting to ravish her. In an agony of rage and resentment, he instantly killed him; but the officer's party soon came upon him, and he now lies mortally wounded at his ruined and plundered dwelling.

On Monday morning they entered the house of Samuel Stout, esq; in Hopewell, where they destroyed his deeds, papers, furniture, and effects of every kind, except what they plundered. They took every horse away, left his house and barn in ruins, injuring him to the value of 1000l. in less than three hours.

Old mr. Phillips, his neighbour, they plundered in the same manner, and then cruelly beat him.

On Wednesday last three women came down to the Jersey shore in great distress, upon which a detachment of the American army went and brought them off, when it appeared that they had been all very much abused, and the youngest of them, a girl about 15, had been ravished that morning by a British officer.

A number of young women in Hopewell, to the amount of 16, flying from this ravaging and cruel enemy, took refuge on a mountain near Ralph Hart's; but information being given of their retreat, they were soon brought down into the British camp, where they have been kept ever since.

The fine settlements of Maidenhead and Hopewell are entirely broke up. No age nor sex has been spared; the houses are stripped of every article of furniture, and what is not portable is entirely destroyed; the stocks of cattle and sheep are drove off, every article of clothing and house linen seized and carried away, scarce a soldier in the army but what has a horse loaded with plunder; hundreds of families are reduced, from comfort and affluence, to poverty and ruin, left, at this inclement season, to wander through the woods without house or clothing. If these scenes of desolation, ruin, and distress, do not rouse and animate every man of spirit to revenge their much injured countrymen and countrywomen, all virtue, honour, and courage, must have left this country, and we deserve all that we shall meet with, as there can be no doubt the same scene will be acted in this province upon our own property, and our beloved wives and daughters.

*** It is hoped by all good men that the above relation will induce the brave militia of Maryland immediately to comply with the recommendation of the Continental Congress, by marching, without delay, to reinforce general Washington's army, that a stop may be put to the progress of these cruel foreign spoilers; that our much injured countryfolks in the Jerseys may be revenged, and the rapine and devastation committed there be prevented from reaching this state.

Fresh and authentick advices from St. Eustatia bring the agreeable news that a French fleet of eight sail of the line, and four frigates, under the command of M. Duchafaux, had sailed from Brest for the islands of Martinique and Gaudaloupe, with a number of transports, having on board 7000 troops, and 300 pieces of ordnance. Part of the fleet had arrived when this intelligence came away, and the rest were looked for daily; so that there is now a very fair appearance of our being speedily succoured by the French nation, which no doubt will effectually divert the attention of Britain from pursuing her diabolical schemes against America, late the land of peace and plenty, till invaded by her degenerate sons, and their hireling companions in wickedness and brutality, the accursed Hessian banditti, whom God give our soldiers grace and valour to drive out of this continent, or to exterminate from the face of the earth.

Our groaning country bleeds at every vein;
Now murders, rapes, fell massacres prevail,
And desolation covers all the land!
Who can hear this, and not, with patriot zeal,
Nobly step forth, to guard their wives and children!
And sheath a dagger in the villain's heart
Who'd rob us of our peace, our all, our honour!

Capt. Travis, who is returned from an unsuccessful cruise, and spoke several French vessels at sea, corroborates the sailing of the French armament from Brest, as also of sundry of them being arrived at the places of their destination.

By a St. Kitt's paper, we learn that the governour of St. Eustatia lately gave an entertainment for capt. Robinson, commander of the continental vessel of war the Andrew Doria, to which all the American merchants and provincial agents were invited; also, that one of our privateers had taken a brig belonging to Dominica, and carried her into that Dutch free port.

A letter of undoubted credit received by yesterday's post says, that general Howe's army had retreated to Princetown, finding it rather imprudent to attempt crossing the Delaware, where our row-gallies, gondolas, &c. are stationed. And so, it may be presumed, endeth his expedition against Philadelphia, which his soldiers have rendered infamous by their inhumanity and brutality.

Col. Carrington, of the artillery, just arrived from Hampton, brings us the agreeable intelligence of a most valuable cargo being gone up to Baltimore from Cape Francois, which comes in a brig that was sent out by Congress, and has on board 800 stand of arms, 15 tuns of gunpowder, a quantity of sulphur, and a very large assortment of blanketing and coarse clothes for the soldiery. A number of French passengers came in the vessel, one of them an officer of rank. The captain of her says, that the French show the utmost civility and give every encouragement to the Americans, and have cruisers out to protect their trade; also, that a declaration of war was every moment expected from the French court. And that gunpowder, woollens, and almost every other kind of goods, were in great plenty at the Cape, and to be bought on good terms.

A vessel from St. Eustatia is also gone up the Bay, with salt and dry goods.

Last Saturday the General Assembly adjourned to the 4th Thursday in March, after passing a number of acts, a list of which will be in the next Gazette.

Deaths) FRANK EPPES, esq; lieutenant-colonel of the 1st regiment, who was a very brave officer.

Mr. PATRICK COUTTS, of Richmond, merchant.

Mr. PURDIE,

FROM the manner in which you mentioned capt. Richard K. Meade's declining his appointment to the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the American army, many have supposed that he has entirely declined the service of his country. I am convinced you were not aware of this injurious construction; but as it has been made, and is very far from being just, you will be kind enough to inform the publick, that although capt. Meade declined the honour his country was willing to confer on him, he still continues to serve as *captain* of that company in the second regiment, which he formerly commanded. He declined, not because he was indifferent to promotion, or regardless of the favours of his countrymen, but because he did not choose to be raised over the heads of many deserving officers under whom he had served, and because, in which it must be confessed he was singular, he did not think himself qualified for so high a command.

In GENERAL ASSEMBLY, *Dec.* 21, 1776.

WHEREAS it hath been recommended to the good people of this colony to enter into associations for the support of the wives and children of the poor who shall enter into the several battalions now raising within this commonwealth, and whereas it is not certain that sufficient sums will immediately be subscribed for the purposes aforesaid:

Resolved, that the courts of the several counties be required, and they are hereby empowered, to furnish the wives and children of such poor soldiers, who cannot be maintained by such associations, with necessary provisions, and to draw on the treasurer for such sums of money as shall be requisite, who is hereby required to pay the same.

A. CARY, Speaker of the Senate.
E. PENDLETON, Speaker of the H. D.

BOSTON, *November* 14.

CAPTAIN Skimmer, in a privateer belonging to this state, has taken and brought into this port a ship, bound to New York, having on board 17 000 suits of clothes, 30,000 shirts, 30,000 pair of stockings, 30,000 pair of shoes, &c.

A vessel which arrived at Newport the 30th ult. from Hispaniola, brought advice that Spain had ceded all their part of that island to France, and that a French and Spanish fleet, with a large body of troops, were hourly expected; perhaps to take Jamaica, for Spain.

A HOUSEKEPER that is well recommended will hear of a good birth by applying to the printer.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 18, 1776.

THE ſubſcribers beg leave to ſolicit their friends and cuſtomers to ſettle and diſcharge their reſpective accounts, thoſe at leaſt that have been twelve months ſtanding. This requeſt they hope will not be thought unreaſonable, when it is conſidered they are obliged to pay ready money for every neceſſary, and particularly for medicines at a very high price. Our friends, we hope, will conſider that we cannot demand ready money for our ſervices; and when we ſolicit for payments to be made us but once a year, we do expect it will be readily complied with, otherwiſe we cannot purſue our practice without a manifeſt injury to ourſelves and families.

PASTEUR & GALT.

DECEMBER 26, 1776.

I INTEND to leave the colony for a few months.

1‖ JOHN FLOYD.

To be SOLD, on Thurſday *the* 2d *of* January *next, at the dwelling-houſe of mr.* Benjamin Wills, *deceaſed, in* Warwick *county*,

ALL his perſonal eſtate, conſiſting of houſehold and kitchen furniture, plantation utenſils, large ſtocks of black cattle, ſheep, and hogs, ſome horſes, corn, wheat, fodder, cider, and brandy. On *Monday* following will be ſold, at the ſaid *Wills's* plantation in *York* county, near *Peſcud's* mill, about 20 head of cattle, hogs, corn and fodder, *&c.* At the ſame time the plantations will be rented; and all the ſlaves belonging to the eſtate, conſiſting of men, women, and children, hired out for one year. Two years credit will be allowed for the ſales of the eſtate, and one year's credit for the rents of the plantations and hire of the ſlaves, on giving bond and ſecurity to 1‖ The EXECUTORS.

COMMITTED to the jail *of Suſſex* county, the 9th of this inſtant (*December*) two outlandiſh negro men. One calls himſelf WILL, and ſays he belongs to one *Milford* on the *Congaree* river in *Carolina*, appears to be about 40 years old, and is, feet 6 or 7 inches high. The other ſays his name is DICK, and that he belongs to *Miles Cary*, whoſe plantation joins the ſaid *Milford's*; he appears to be about 26 or 27 years old, and is 5 feet 3 or 4 inches high. They are almoſt naked. The owners are deſired to take them away, and pay charges to

1‖ JOHN BERRYMAN, jailer.

TWO DOLLORS REWARD.

STRAYED from the ſubſcriber, about the middle of laſt month, a large like red cow with a ſmall bell on, marked one ear with a crop, has one horn ſhorter than the other, by being broke, has a ſmall white ſpot between her horns, and it white along her belly. She was ſeen near col. *Harwood's* mill going down the country. Whoever will bring the ſaid cow to me in *Williamſburg*, near the church, ſhall receive the above reward.

1‖ JOHN MOODY.

YORK town, *Dec.* 20, 1776.

STOLEN *out of* John Gibbons's *barn, a* French *SMALL SWORD ſilver mounted, a pair of ſilver plated SPURS, a handkerchief on which is printed the* Britiſh *ſhips of war at a royal review at* Portſmouth, *which contained ſome clothes. Whoever brings the ſaid articles to capt.* Robert Anderſon *in* Williamſburg, *mr.* Gibbons *in* York, *or to me on board the ſloop* Liberty, *now lying at* York, *ſhall have* SIX *DOLLARS reward.*

‖ *WALTER BROOK.*

To be SOLD to the higheſt bidders, on Thurſday *the* 9th *of* February *next, on the plantation of col.* Charles Carter *in* Prince George *county, by virtue of a deed of truſt from* William Lacy *to the ſubſcriber*,

TWO valuable NEGROES, a man and woman, and ſeveral valuable articles of houſehold furmiture. The time of payment will be made known at the day of ſale.

2‖ ROBERT HUNNICUTT, ſen.

To be SOLD, agreeable to the will of *R. R. Allen*, deceaſed, before mr. *Galt's* door in the town of *Richmond*, on the firſt *Monday* in *March* next,

THREE *hundred and nineteen acres of land about* 12 *miles above* Richmond, *whereon is a valuable griſt mill, good apple and peach orchards, and* 40 *or* 50 *acres of meadow. Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may be ſhewn the land by applying to mr.* David Allen, *who lives convenient. Twelve months credit will be allowed, the purchaſer giving bond and approved ſecurity, which is to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.—All creditors are requeſted to make known their demands againſt the eſtate on the day of ſale, and thoſe indebted to the ſaid eſtate are deſired to make immediate payment.*

FRANCES ALLEN, executrix.
DAVID ALLEN, executor.

N. B. *The purchaſer to have poſſeſſion* Chriſtmas 1777.

For SALE, at my ſtore in York *town*,

WEST INDIA and *New England* rum, *Madeira* wine, peach brandy, whiſky, lump and powdered ſugar, allſpice, ginger, nutmegs, coffe, tea, indigo, calf ſkins, ſole leather, mens and womens ſhoes, mens cotton ſtockings, ſaddles and ſaddlery ware, mens boots, ſcarlet and black cloaks, black and buff coloured cloth, needles and pins, womens thimbles, oſnabrugs, country, *French*, *Dutch*, and *Iriſh* linens, mens hats, womens ſilk and beaver hats, perſians, cambrick, lawn, and gauze, gauze and linen handkerchiefs, ſewing ſilk, mohair and buttons, ironmongery, writing paper, inkpowder, ſhalloons, calimanco, durants, tamy, buckram, *Indian* ware, pewter plates, ſpoons, and baſons, ribands, ferrets, and tapes, ſilk and common laces, ſnuff and ſnuff boxes, buckles, ſleeve buttons, and a variety of other articles, ſuch as ſalt, tar, turpentine, ſhip bread, *&c. &c.* 1‖ JAMES SMITH.

For SALE,

A VERY likely *NEGRO GIRL* about 15 years old, an exceeding good ſempſtreſs, and a pretty good flax ſpinner. Any perſon whom ſhe may ſuit may know the terms of ſale by applying to the printer of this paper.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 18, 1776.

WHEREAS the following ſoldiers, enliſted by mr. *Moſes Hawkins* in my company, failed to meet me at *Prince Edward* courthouſe according to appointment, I give them this notice to be at the ſaid courthouſe by the 25th inſtant, as thoſe who fail will be deemed deſerters, and treated accordingly. Their names are, *James Parker*, *William M'Clure*, *Edward Cantwell*, *Simon Savage*, *James Kemp*, *Elijah Ellis*, *Daniel Bailey*, *James Fleming*, *Joſeph Sampſon*, *Cornelius Fitzgerald*, *William Grant*, *John Ray*, and *John M'Connelly*, of the counties of *Auguſta*, *Frederick*, and *Dunmore*.-----I alſo give notice to all the gentlemen ſoldiers that have been enliſted by myſelf or lieutenants *Ward* and *Hancock*, enſign *Morriſon*, or any ſerjeant or ſoldier in my company, being the firſt company of the 2d battalion for the ſtate of *Georgia*, to meet me at *Prince Edward* courthouſe on the ſaid 25th inſtant, without fail.

1‖ JOSEPH PANNILL.

For SALE,

A TRACT of well timbered land in *Cheſterfield* county, containing 600 acres, eſteemed a very good ſoil for any kind of grain, and is ſituated about five miles from *Petersburg*, ſix miles from *Osborne's* warehouſe, on *James* river, and about the ſame diſtance from the courthouſe. Alſo a dwelling-houſe and lot in the town of *Mancheſter*, on the falls of *James* river; it is on the main ſtreet, and would be an excellent ſituation for a tradeſman. For terms apply to the ſubſcriber, on *Swift* creek, near *Petersburg*.

‖ RICHARD JACKSON.

DESERTED *from* Alexandria, *on the* 15th *of this inſtant* (December) *JOHN BRITT, a marine in my company, who is an* Iriſhman, *about* 26 *years old,* 5 *feet* 8 *or* 9 *inches high, a ſtout well made fellow, much pitted with the ſmallpox, has a blemiſh in one of his eyes (I think the right) and when he went off was labouring under the venereal diſeaſe. Alſo EDWARD LEE, an* Iriſhman, 5 *feet* 10 *or* 11 *inches high,* 27 *or* 28 *years old, a thin ſpare fellow, occaſioned by his being ſick ſome time. They ſerved their time in* Loudoun *county, and I am informed have enliſted at* Newgate, *with capt.* Smith *or capt.* Lane. *They were ſeen two or three days ago near* Frederickſburg *with guns, &c. in ſearch, as they ſaid, of deſerters. Whoever apprehends them, and delivers them to me in* Alexandria, *ſhall have* 40*s. reward for each. Any officer who may have enliſted them, I hope, will return them to their company immediately, and thereby diſcourage deſertion, a practice ſo pernicious to the general good, and which ought to be diſcountenanced by all who are friends to America.*

‖ *SAMUEL ARELL.*

*** *I gave them a furlough till the* 12th *of* December.

WANTED for caſting cannon, for the defence of this commonwealth, a large quantity of COPPER and BRASS; and it is hoped every wellwiſher to his country, who has any of either, will forthwith deliver it to one of the repreſentatives for the county where ſuch braſs or copper can be had, who will be pleaſed to inform me thereof by firſt opportunity, that proper ſteps may be taken to procure it, and when a generous price will be paid to the owner. By order of his Excellency the Governour.

WILLIAM AYLETT, c. r.

To be SOLD for ready money, by the executors of Samuel Jones, *deceaſed, purſuant to his laſt will, to the higheſt bidders, on the firſt day of* January *next, at the late dwelling plantation of the ſaid* Samuel Jones, *in* Prince William *county*,

A TRACT of LAND in the ſaid county, containing 400 acres, being part of the *Eventon* tract, and is about 14 miles from the town of *Dumfries*; alſo one other tract containing 200 acres, near *Kendall's* ordinary, about 9 miles from *Dumfries*. At the ſame time will be ſold five likely *Virginia* born negro fellows, ſeveral valuable mares and colts, ſome cattle, and the crop of *Indian* corn on the ſaid plantation, with ſundry other articles.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER, JAMES GWATKIN, } executors.

DECEMBER 10, 1776.

SIX or ſeven likely NEGROES will be ſold on *New Year's* day, to the higheſt bidders, at mr. *Worſham's* ordinary, *Petersburg*, for ready money. 2‖

HANOVER town, *Dec.* 19, 1776.

WANTED to purchaſe, or charter to the *Weſt Indies*, three or four good BOATS, and two or three VESSELS from 90 to 150 tuns burthen. I will give the beſt wages for SEAMEN.

2‖ RICHARD BURNLEY.

HALIFAX *county*, Dan *river*, *Dec.* 1, 1776.

WHEREAS my houſe was broke open in the night of the 25th ult. when I was abſent from home, and robbed of between 40 and 50 pounds in caſh, about 20 yards of *Virginia* cloth, a beaver hat, a bond of 50l. due to me from *Henry Ball* of *Buckingham* county, and ſundry other papers, with a ſmall ſeal ſkin trunk, I hereby forewarn all perſons from taking aſſignments on the papers, and will be much obliged to any one who will diſcover the thief. 2‖ WILLIAM KENT.

WANTED, at *Hunter's* iron works, the falls of *Rappahannock* river, in the manufactory of ſmall arms, a number of hands who underſtand the file, alſo anchor ſmiths, blackſmiths, and nailors, to whom ſuitable encouragement will be given; where may be had, for ready money only, bar iron, fullers ſhears, files, and a variety of articles made in the iron branch, and where tradeſmen of every kind, who incline to ſettle, may have half acre lots of land at a ſmall ground rent for ever, and may be aſſiſted in building, proviſions, and materials, and the produce of their labour taken in payment for the ſame. Apply to *John Strode*, manager of ſaid works. (4)

*** Negro TRADESMEN in any of the above branches, alſo COOPERS, would be preferred on purchaſe, for *ready money*.

TWENTY likely *Virginia* born NEGROES, from 9 to 13 years of age, will be ſold at *Fredericksburg*, for ready money, on the 10th day of *January* next. Mr. *James Lewis* will have the management of the ſale.

ALEX: SPOTSWOOD.

DESERTED from capt. *Croghan's* company in the 8th battalion, *HIGH GREEN*, about 5 feet 7 inches high, well built, has a full face, fair hair, thin and ſhort; had on when he went away an olive coat, black ſilk waiſtcoat, and coarſe linen ſhirts; and from capt. *Weſtfall's* company, in the ſaid battalion, *THOMAS M'DANIEL*, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, who had on a pale blue coat, a macaroni hat with gold button and loop, and plenty of other cloths. They are both tailors, and enliſted for the continuance of the war. They alſo enliſted in capt. *Richard K. Meade's* company, and took the bounty about two hours before they deſerted: It is ſuppoſed they have entered on board ſome of the row-gallies. Whoever apprehends the ſaid deſerters, and delivers them at head quarters in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 5l. reward for each.

‖ JAMES HIGGIN.

COMMITTED to *Charles City* jail a negro man 5 feet 8 inches high, who calls himſelf NED, and ſays he belongs to *William Stitt*, or *Stith*, living on *Yeomaw*, in *South Carolina*, near *Santee*; alſo a negro fellow 5 feet 4 inches high, about 22 years old, who ſays his name is JACOB, and that he belongs to *Joſeph Kenty*, living on *Santee* river, *South Carolina*. The owners are deſired to apply for them as ſoon as poſſible, and pay charges to

‖ JOHN HARWOOD, jailer.

STRAYED *or* STOLEN *from* Peterſburg, *the* 2d *of* September *laſt*, *an iron gray horſe* 5 *or* 6 *years old*, 4 *feet* 8 *or* 9 *inches high*, *with a hanging mane and ſwitch tail*, *one hind hoof ſtriped* (*if I miſtake not*) *ſome ſaddle ſpots*, *alſo bayiſh ſpots on the near ſide of his neck*, *no brand that I remember*, *trots and gallops*, *and is unſhod*. *Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to* Peterſburg, *or to* Vauxhall *in* James City *county*, *ſhall have* 20*s*. *reward*, *beſides reaſonable charges*, *from*

‖ *FRANCIS HILL.*

FOR SALE,

A VERY valuable tract of land in *Louiſa* county, containing 827 acres, about 7 miles from the courthouſe, lying on both ſides the *Southannah* river, near one third of which is exceeding good low ground, and great part of the high land rich and level. There is on the ſaid tract a plantation in good order for cropping, ſufficient to work 10 or 12 hands, and about 50 buſhels of wheat ſowed, a dwelling-houſe with two rooms above and below, and other out-houſes, alſo exceeding fine apple orchards of the beſt kind of fruit, which ſeldom fail bearing. A reaſonable credit will be given the purchaſer. For terms apply to mr. *Thomas Johnſon* near the premiſes, who will ſhow the land; or to the ſubſcriber, at *Albemarle* courthouſe.

‖ RICHARD ANDERSON.

THE ſubſcriber begs leave to inform the publick, that he now keeps the TAVERN at the *Bowling Green*, formerly kept by mr. *Wily Roy*; and as mr. *John Hoomes* has found him a good ſtock of liquors, and is to continue ſo to do, and every other neceſſary that the times will admit of, he intends uſing his utmoſt endeavours to give general ſatisfaction. Particular care will be taken to furniſh travelling gentlemen with every convenience for themſelves and horſes, by

‖ SAMUEL CURLE.

STRAYED or STOLEN from the ſubſcriber, the 23d of *November* laſt, a black mare about 13 hands and an inch high, very big with foal, had a very bad ſore a little behind her withers, now ſuppoſed to be almoſt healed, and a ſmall ſtar in her forehead, ſcarce perceivable; ſhe has no brand that I know of. Whoever delivers the ſaid mare to me, in *Williamſburg*, ſhall have 20*s*. reward.

PETER MYER.

STRAYED or STOLEN from mrs. *Camp's*, near *Williamſburg*, on the 10th of this inſtant (*December*) a likely ſorrel horſe 3 years old next ſpring, about 4 feet 9 inches high, has a long undockt tail and thin hapging mane, a white ſpot, the bigneſs of a bit, on his left jaw, trots and gallops, and branded (though not very plain) on the near buttock, B I. Whoever delivers the ſaid horſe to mrs. *Camp*, or gives the ſubſcriber (living at *Todd's* bridge, *King* & *Queen* county, ſuch intelligence as he may get him again, ſhall have 20*s*. reward, beſides what the law allows.

BERNARD TODD.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec.* 5, 1776.

THE *General Aſſembly having paſſed* An act for appointing commiſſioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for the trial of criminals now in the publick jail, *and thereby directed that ſuch commiſſioners ſhall ſit for that purpoſe on the third* Thurſday *in* January *next*, *it is expected that all witneſſes who have entered into recognizances to appear and depoſe againſt the ſaid criminals will attend at that time at the* Capitol *in this city*.

EDMUND RANDOLPH.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

DESERTED from my company of the 2d *Georgia* battalion, the following ſoldiers, viz. PATRICK DUFFY, an *Iriſhman*, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well made, full faced, wore a ſhort blue jacket with ſleeves half worn, and it is ſuppoſed was in the marine ſervice. EMANUEL KELLY, country born, about 5 feet 8 inches high, a wheelwright by trade, is very fond of liquor, and wore an old hat, with clothes much worn. Whoever ſecures ſaid deſerters ſhall have the above reward, or 3l. for each.

‖ WILLIAM SMITH, captain.

WILLIAMSBURG, *Dec* 9, 177

JOURNEYMEN *GUNSMITHS* and *BLACKSMITHS* will meet with encouragement from the ſubſcriber —

(tf) JAMES ANDERSON.

*** Wanted, ſome healthy *BOYS* apprentices.

ON the 10th day of *January* next, at the plantation whereon *Alexander Shaw* lately reſided, near *Monk's Neck* creek will be expoſed to ſale the ſtocks of *HORSES*, *HOGS*, and *CATTLE*, belonging that place. Six months credit will be allowed for all ſums amounting to or above 5l. the purchaſers giving bond and proper ſecurity to

J. BANISTER, A. SMITH, } truſtees

TEN DOLLARS REWARD

FOR *ſecuring* *WILLIAM FRAZER*, *a ſoldier in my company*, *enliſted for the defence of the ſtate of* Georgia. *He is a ſlender made man*, *about* 19 *years of age*, *has ſhort light coloured hair*, *and ſaid he lived in* Hampton, *but was born in* Cheſterfield, *at or near* Oſborne's *warehouſe*. *The ſaid* Frazer *enliſted with me in* Williamſburg *the* 27*th of laſt* Auguſt, *and at his requeſt I granted him a furlough for* 30 *days*, *at the end of which time he was to join my company at* Newgate, *in* Loudoun *county*, *but has not as yet appeared*. *I will give the above reward to any perſon that ſecures the ſaid* Frazer *in any publick jail*, *and adverties the ſame in this paper*, *or* TWENTY DOLLARS *if delivered to me at the above mentioned place*.

‖ *WILLIAM LANE, jun. capt.*

STOLEN from the ſubſcriber in *New Kent*, on the 27th of *October* laſt, a ſmall white horſe about 4 feet 4 inches high, his fore feet very much worn, has a ſhort dock, his brand (if any) forgot. Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me, ſhall have 20*s*. reward; and if ſtolen, on conviction of the thief, if a white man, 5l.

‖ RICHARD CHAMBERLAYNE.

THE maſter and crew of the ſhip *Caroline*, taken by the ſchooner private *Harlequin*, and condemned as a lawful prize by the Court of Admiralty of this ſtate, are hereby adverties'd, that they are to apply to *William Lux*, eſq; of the town of *Baltimore*, in the ſtate of *Maryland*, for payment of the wages due to them from ſaid ſhip, agreeable to a reſolution of the Continental Congreſs.

By order of the Hon. Court of Admiralty.

(4) BEN: POWELL, marſhal.

Garriſon at *York* town, *Dec.* 3, 1776.

I INTEND in a few weeks for the grand continental army near *New York*.

‖ WILLIAM DAWSON.

CAROLINE, *Nov.* 13, 1776.

SIXTY valuable SLAVES, conſiſting of men, women, and children, will be ſold at *Fauquier* courthouſe on the 4th *Monday* in *January* next (being court day) if fair, otherwiſe next fair day. The time of payment to be agreed on the day of ſale, but a large diſcount will be allowed for ready money; and purchaſers on credit muſt give bond with approved ſecurity, to carry intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.

8‖ GAWIN CORBIN, jun.

TAKEN up in *James City*, on *Chickahominy* river, a dark bay horſe near 14 hands high, about 12 years old, with a ſmall ſtar in his forehead, hanging mane and ſwitch tail, a few white hairs about the middle of his neck, on the right ſide, his off hind foot white, his mane hangs on the left ſide, paces ſlow, and gallops. Poſted and appraiſed to 15l.

‖ *William Barrett.*

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FRIDAY, Dec. 27. SUPPLEMENT TO THE VIRGINIA GAZETTE. PRINTED BY ALEXANDER PURDIE. No. 100.

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SATURDAY, *Dec.* 21, 1776.

IT being of the utmoſt importance that the nine battalions heretofore raiſed within this commonwealth, and now in continental ſervice, ſhould be completed, and the ſix new battalions for the ſame ſervice, as well as the three battalions on the pay of this commonwealth, raiſed with all poſſible expedition:

RESOLVED, that it be earneſtly recommended to the juſtices, the members of the county committees, the militia officers, and the other good people of this commonwealth, to uſe their beſt endeavours to forward and encourage the recruiting ſervice, upon which the ſafety and happineſs of their country ſo much depends.

And whereas the preſent imminent danger of America, and the ruin and miſery which threatens the good people of this commonwealth and their poſterity calls for the utmoſt exertion of our ſtrength, and it is become neceſſary, for the preſervation of the ſtate, that additional powers be given to the Governour and Council, during a limited time, for the moſt vigorous and effectual meaſures to repel the invaſions of the enemy:

RESOLVED *therefore*, that the Governour be, and he is hereby fully authoriſed and empowered, by and with the advice and conſent of the Privy Council, from henceforward until ten days next after the firſt meeting of the General Aſſembly, to carry into execution ſuch requiſitions as may be made to this commonwealth, by the American Congreſs, for the purpoſe of encountering or repelling the enemy, to order the three battalions on the pay of this commonwealth to march (if neceſſary) to join the continental army, or to the aſſiſtance of any of our ſiſter ſtates, to call forth any, and ſuch greater military force, as they ſhall judge requiſite, either by embodying and carrying companies or regiments of volunteers, or by raiſing additional battalions, appointing and commiſſioning their proper officers, and to direct their operations within this commonwealth under the command of the continental generals, or other officers, according to their reſpective ranks, or order them to march to join and act in concert with the continental army, or the troops of any of the United American States, and to provide for their pay, ſupply of proviſions, arms, and other neceſſaries, at the charge of this commonwealth, by drawing on the treaſurer for the money which may be neceſſary from time to time; and the ſaid treaſurer is authoriſed to pay ſuch warrants out of any publick money which may be in his hands, and the General Aſſembly will, at their next ſeſſion, make ample proviſion for any deficiency which may happen. But that this departure from the conſtitution of government, being in this inſtance founded only on the moſt evident and urgent neceſſity, ought not hereafter to be drawn into precedent.

ARCH. CARY, Sp. Senate.
EDM. PENDLETON, Sp. H. D.

By his Excellency PATRICK HENRY, *jun. eſq; Governour or Chief Magiſtrate of the Commonwealth of* Virginia:

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the preſent critical ſituation of American affairs renders neceſſary the utmoſt exertion of every ſiſter ſtate, to put a ſpeedy end to the cruel ravages of a haughty and inveterate enemy, and ſecure our invaluable rights, I have therefore thought proper, by and with the advice of the Privy Council, to iſſue this my proclamation, hereby moſt earneſtly exhorting and requiring the ſeveral county lieutenants, and other officers of the militia within this commonwealth, and all other ſubjects of the ſame, forthwith to uſe their utmoſt endeavours to aſſociate ſo many companies of volunteers as may be willing to engage in the defence of this ſtate, or march to the aſſiſtance of any other, ſhould the exigency of things demand it, and, without loſs of time, to inform me of their ſucceſs in this buſineſs. Each company muſt conſiſt of 68 men rank and file, under one captain, two lieutenants, and an enſign, to be choſen by the company. It will be neceſſary that the men ſhould furniſh themſelves with the beſt guns and other arms which can be procured, alſo powder and horns, cartouch boxes or pouches, and blankets.

And I do dereby promiſe, that all ſuch perſons as ſhall engage in this ſervice ſhall receive the pay and rations provided by this ſtate for their regular troops, alſo forage for ſuch horſes as they, or any of them, may find for the expeditious marching of the troops, and forwarding the ſame; and that ſuch volunteers ſhall not be obliged to ſerve longer than the particular exigence that called them forth continues, or their place can be ſupplied by regular troops.

GIVEN *under my hand, this 26th day of* December, *in the firſt year of the commonwealth, and in the year of our Lord* 1776.

PATRICK HENRY